

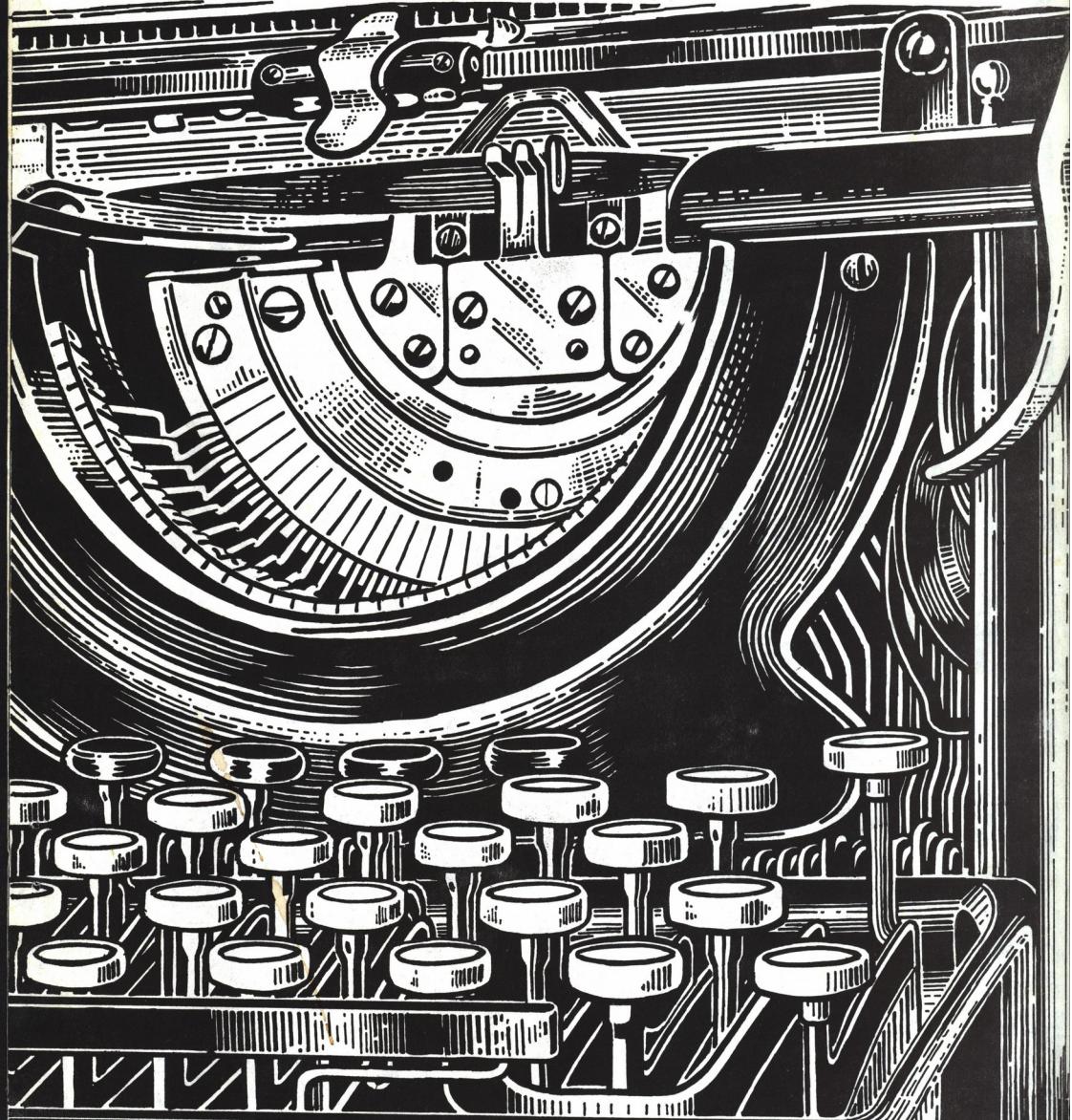
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THIS is a Pilot Issue of BORROWED TIME. We have managed to get this out in time for the Anarchist/Libertarian Conference at Colchester in January 1978. But the lack of time has meant that we've had to limit our scope. The contact list is culled from second-hand sources, the articles included are either second-hand or commissioned from groups that were easily accessible to us in London.

The second issue of BORROWED TIME will hit the streets by Mayday but for this to happen we are relying on your response and involvement so that issue 2 will be much more comprehensive

Introduction

A magazine appeared from the USA called SYNTHESIS. It was most encouraging. They had compiled a catalogue of various anti-authoritarian groups throughout North America and elsewhere, provided a forum for discussion within the movement, centering around organisation, and listed the many pamphlets being produced by small groups, which otherwise would not be widely known. We decided to extend this work with "Borrowed Time".

We have concerned ourselves with the British Isles not through vague nationalist ideas - if we are to change society, this must be done on a world basis - but through practical considerations. If we bring together the various strands of the anti-authoritarian movement together in these islands, it will allow a clearer assessment of what's going on here, and hopefully stimulate discussion and a deeper understanding. But it will also enable people in other parts of the world to see what we are doing and get in contact. Our project is limited at this stage as at present only two of us are producing this. (If anyone else wishes to be involved please contact us.)

Contacts

We have collected a list of contacts which however is not as extensive as we would wish - we have very little on the anarcha-feminist movement for instance - so we hope that any groups not mentioned will write to us. But rather than just give a shopping list of contacts we would like people to write a short account (300 words ?) of their ideas and activities.

Discussion

We want to present a forum for discussion as well. But for this we want brief, well thought out and clear articles. These should avoid personalities and treat ideas, events, plans etc. Although a general anti-authoritarian perspective has evolved, there are however many unexplored fields and a number of controversial issues. Our hope is that the exchange of ideas and experiences will enable a discussion that progresses, becoming clearer and uncovering the foundations of libertarian thought.

Publications

We have reviewed here several pamphlets. If you produce a pamphlet, send us a review copy so that we can mention it. This particularly applies to small and/or local groups. We also hope to mention new books of interest. We also present here a list of various magazines etc., some explicitly libertarian, others of a more general list. Again if you have been left off, write to us.

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Discussion; TACTICS

The Day of the Poor

THEY HAD called their plan "the day of the poor". With A., they were four, among them a clerk in the municipal pawnshop. Early one morning, Leonard II and one of these men went to the house of the pawnshop manager. A and Joseph, the clerk, waited at the store. The manager lived alone; the idea was to get hold of him just as he left his house, lock him up, and take the key of the shop. A. had waited only a few minutes when Leonard II appeared walking calmly and nodding and smiling at them from a distance. "It worked fine," he said, "hardly a scuffle. Here's the key, let's go in. He's in a closet, very nicely, with a chair to sit on. Michael is sitting on the other side of the door. His front door's locked and the blinds are drawn."

The three of them now hastily put on the lights in the store, took the shutters down and unwrapped two signs they had brought. These said, "On the occasion of the Birthday of our Beloved President, all Pledges may be Redeemed Free of Charge." They put one in each window with much laughter and running out into the street to see how they looked. But it remained quite.

Their first customer was a young man who wanted to redeem a violin. "Here's the money and the interest," he said, "ten francs fifty."

"Didn't you read the sign?"

"No, what sign? Is something wrong?"

"No, nothing is wrong. It's free today. Just take your violin. And your money."

The boy stared worriedly at them, then took the violin and left in a hurry. They could see him reading and rereading the announcements.

Next the other clerk of the shop came in. They knew what to do; Leonard posted himself at the door. "What's going on here?" the clerk cried, "Where's Mr. Postum?"

A. said, "He's sick. I'm taking his place."

The clerk looked him up and down and frowned unbelievingly. "And those signs," he went on. "They make no sense. And anyway, the president's birthday is in August."

"Sit down," Joseph said, gently pushing him on both shoulders "and listen. We've decided to give the people back what's theirs. Either you help, or we'll know how to take care of you."

"But you can't do that," the clerk protested in a whining voice, "Joseph—think of the bookkeeping, it'll be a mess."

They began to laugh.

"You must be crazy," the clerk said. "Who's behind this? Who are these fellows?"

"The peoples behind this," A. answered. "We are the people. We think it's immoral that our town earns a profit, that some bastards are making money from the misery of others. You realise that some poor slob pledges his winter coat for five francs and pays ten per cent interest—'"Thirty-five percent,'" Joseph said. "Thirty-five percent, just enough for one shareholder to buy himself a cigar? Today—"

"Here's a customer coming," Leonard II said from the door.

"Quick," A. said, and he and Joseph took the clerk by his arms and hustled him out and into the back room. "Where can we put him?" A. asked. "In the basement, he'll be safe there," Joseph said.

"You'll be sorry for this," the clerk told them.

When they came back into the store, there were four people waiting for their possessions. And from then on the word spread at a geometrical rate. The three of them could hardly keep up with the stream; they were running around, Joseph shouting instructions at them, while the waiting customers, mainly women and children, were buzzing with excitement. "What do we do with

people bringing things?" Joseph shouted. "Just give them their money," Leonard II said, "and let them keep their stuff."

He and A. stood in the doorway for a moment. Anice spectacle: a woman walking away clutching a big and very ugly lamp, looking over her shoulder as if expecting to be stopped at the last moment, another carrying a torn paper parcel of bedclothes two children lugging a clock. "My dinner jacket," A. suddenly said. "Joseph, where are my evening clothes?"

On a rack covered with brown paper hung dinner jackets and cutaways in all states of more or less faded elegance. There were also vests, capes and even top hats; all in a cloud of camphor smell. A. found his suit and took it off the rack. A yellowed, dried carnation was still sticking in the button-hole. Imagine that, that was me buying boutonnieres. I must have had a marvellous time.

"Look at that crowd," Joseph said. "This won't work much longer." Just then they heard a door bang in the back of the house. Joseph dropped the tickets he was holding and left the room. He came back in a great hurry and told them softly, "Let's get out of here quick. He's got away. He'll bring the police." A. grabbed his dinner jacket, and Leonard II took the interest ledgers from the shelf and put them under his jacket. "We'll be back shortly," he called to the startled customers, "In the meantime help yourself."

There was never a word about the Day of the Poor in the newspapers, but it made it's impression. Joseph was taken in by Leonard II afterward to sleep in his room, and he told them that the event was discussed in the neighbourhood with mounting excitement, "with awe almost," he said. A myth was born from that parade of women and children carrying home pots, pans, clocks, shoes, sheets. The free return of a coat or a suit or a blanket, the sudden release of their shoddy possessions from that iron grip of power and legality, assumed in retrospect a vastly exaggerated, miraculous proportion to them, seemed to turn the very laws of nature upside down. Some of them became so scared that they returned their things. The day of reckoning the Last Judgment itself, were mentioned.

THE Day of the Poor is Chapter LVIII of Hans Koningsberger's beautiful, inspiring novel 'The Revolutionary', which he wrote in 1967 and was first published the following year. It's available by Penguin Paperbacks for a few bob. It was also made into a not so good movie, but catch it if you get the chance.

Direct Action

THE SICK-JN is a way to strike without striking. The idea is to cripple your work place by having all, or most of the workers call in sick on the same day or days. Unlike the formal walk-out, it can be used effectively by departments and work areas, instead of only by the entire workplace, and can often be used successfully without formal union organisation.

At a New England mental hospital, just the thought of a sick-in got results. A steward, talking to a supervisor about a fired union member, mentioned that there was a lot of flu going around and wouldn't it be too bad if there weren't enough people to staff the wards. At the same time, completely by coincidence of course, dozens of people were calling the personnel office to see how much sick time they had. The supervisor got the message and the union member was re-hired.

At one major Chicago hospital, during a union organising drive the night shift on one of the most pro-union wards came in to find that their schedules had all been changed without notice. The night shift replied by calling in sick-all of them-for three days in a row, forcing supervisors who hadn't handled a bed pan in years to do honest work again. When the night shift

came back, they found the supervisor only to glad to put the schedule back the way it was!

A STRIKE doesn't have to be long to be effective. Timed and executed right a strike can be over in minutes-and won. Such strikes are often "sitzdowns" when you just stop work and sit tight, or "mass grievances" when everybody leaves work to discuss some matter of importance with the foreman, supervisor or whatever.

The Detroit IWW employed the sit-down to good effect at the Hudson Motor Car Company from '32 to '34! "SIT DOWN AND WATCH YOUR PAY GO UP" was the message that rolled down the assembly on stickers on pieces of work. The steady practice of the sit-down raised wages 100%-from 75cents an hour to \$1.50-in the middle of a depression.

Steelworkers in a mill where the union was almost non-existent won the rehiring of a fired fellow worker and a raise by shutting down the rollers and the pickle (two medium sized departments in a big mill) and going together to talk to the supervisor about it. Always out number the other side!

And then there are those moments when the boss needs you so badly that he'll concede whatever he has to....

IWW theatre extras, faced with a 50% pay cut, waited for the right time to strike. The play had 150 extras dressed as Roman soldiers to carry the Queen on and off stage. When the cue for the Queen's entrance came, the extras surrounded the Queen and refused to budge until their pay was not only restored, but trebled!

LISBON, 1968: "Lisbon bus and train workers gave free rides to all passengers today. They were protesting because the British owned Lisbon Tramways Company had not raised their wages. Today, conductors and drivers arrived at work as usual, but the conductors did not pick up their money satchels. On the whole, public support seems to be behind these take-no-fare strikers, and the schoolboys are having the time of their lives. Holidays have begun, and they are hopping rides to pass the time." The Times, July 2nd, 1968.

THE ABOVE Three examples of tactics are all taken from the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) pamphlet 'A WORKERS GUIDE TO DIRECT ACTION'. It costs 15p and is available from the IWW in England.

Anarchist Utopian Mystics

Knowing of what to do (and doing it) for lovely revolution is more of a puzzle than the police problem. We may try to explore any possible approach or level to discover a solution, materially or spiritually, but all seem to require love. After all what is the motive of revolution?

The obstacle exists in each of us as much as in the state so action is taken on all fronts, materially and spiritually, as work with other people without changing our faults is hypocritical, just as concern for one's own development is selfish. Without love anarchy can open no locks; it is an essential ingredient of revolution that is only too easily forgot.

So the basic tactic is love. Revolution is spontaneous and so many of the tactics will only become apparent from the situation. Most direct confrontation with state violence means defeat, not only because the state is hundreds of times physically stronger but because violence in itself (except for reflex defence etc.) is pure fascism. Examples of the loveliness of revolution rather than disruption; situations causing people to question themselves and the system's values; showing how the dream in everyone's heart can be real and is in fact anarchy, true communism etc. Anyway Anarchy is a means to an end, revolution is an act of love. So what may we do?

Firstly we start with ourselves but it doesn't end there. In our daily lives we have many faults that need to go, the fascist part of the mind. This ego-dictator that suppresses our real selves as the state the people. Freedom from past conditioned re-actions and limited beliefs means a change of consciousness which may be practically brought about by, among other tactics,; - Yoga, meditation (e.g. beware of breathing), eating less (meat), astrology, tarot, kindness, forgiveness. Just a few minutes spiritual practice everyday on one's own self is extremely important as first we must change ourselves before we can hope to change the world. Without it revolution becomes rotation. Revolution is only a tactic.

And in the material world, tactics when alone are not necessary. Tactics are best used with others, as others inspire each and encourage all. Action is not aimed at police involvement and tries to bypass the us/them confrontation either by peaceful small events: - tube parties, shop games, spectacles, examples of anarchy in action in familiar settings, charitable works etc. - or by basic guerilla warfare tactics: - hit and run, birds can play when the cats away, smash and grab, she who fights and runs away lives to fight another day, and arranged so that no-one gets arrested or hurt and happiness is created, the best time for the message to be heard and absorbed.

Magic is a tactic that is to be investigated by this group. Here are a few thoughts about tactics; - one person running is like many walking, and one person drumming is like even more. Music at actions acts as a great stimulus. Ropes or chains at demos obstruct police charges and snatch squads and become real obstacles when secured to lampposts etc. When breathing in offer up the incoming breath to the outgoing, and when breathing out offer the outgoing to the incoming, fixing concentration between the eyebrows. AUM

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The ANARCHIST-FEMINIST NETWORK

THE ANARCHIST Feminist Network is a network of Anarcha-Feminist women in the U.K. The network was formed partly in response to the dissatisfaction felt by anarchist feminist women in the anarchist movement and in the womens movement and partly in response to the growing interest in anarcha-feminist ideas.

The first expression of these dissatisfactions and this growing interest in anarcha-feminism was voiced at the National W.L. conference held in April 1977 in London. At this conference two workshops on anarcha-feminism took place. At these workshops anarchist women discussed their isolation from their left aligned sisters in the womens movement and from the male anarchist movement.

It was resolved to reform the anarchist feminist network by holding a conference and producing a newsletter. (Some of the women at the workshops were once part of the Libertarian Feminist Network formed in the late sixties).

The first U.K. anarchist feminist conference took place in May 1977 in London to which a hundred women attended. Workshops included: SEXISM IN THE ANARCHIST MOVEMENT, SPAIN, ANARCHISM AND W.L.M., NON-VIOLENCE, SEXUALITY, CLASS AND CHILDREN as well as general discussions on the links between anarchism and feminism. Many women at the conference expressed the need to establish an anarchist-feminist current within the womens movement in order to develop our own theory and practice as part of the womens movement as well as for our own sense of identity.

Since May there have been 3 issues of the A/F Network Newsletter, a northern A/F conference, a workshop on anarcha-feminism at the London Womens Festival, as well as local groups formed throughout the country.

The Anarchist Feminist Network and the Newsletter is for women only. For more info, contacts in your area and a sub. to the Newsletter (£1.00 for 6 issues), see contact 57.

PEOPLES NEWS SERVICE

P.N.S., which has been in existence since 1973, is a non-sectarian digest of news and information culled from a wide range of sources and personal correspondents. The P.N.S. collective aims to provide a national alternative source of information ignored by the straight press. It is arranged in two main sections: 'home' news and 'international'. Recent articles have covered oppression in West Germany and N. Ireland, the Hull prison riots, the Islington 18 trials and anti-nuclear conflicts; there are occasional surveys and longer background pieces e.g. Fascism in Britain, the current position of the left in Italy. A regular feature is a community newspapers bulletin and information exchange for the alternative press which has included a series of profiles of local papers. In the future it is hoped to publish a regular index to the community press in this slot. There is a listing of recent publications and forthcoming events in each issue.

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REMEMBER~RESIST~REVOLT

BLACK AID was formed 3 months ago in October '77. It consists of comrades who work in different groups and campaigns of the extreme left. We have realised the necessity for a broad solidarity movement which breaks down the legal illusions, local and national limitations, and social hierarchy of the left (i.e. relation of blacks to whites, womens movement, squatting movement, working class heroes).

The classical anarchist approach towards the national state and its vague international declarations is not dealing anymore with the situation. Therefore we see the importance of an analysis of the new anational character of exploitation and repression. We see it as a part of our work to provoke and generalise such an analysis.

There is no consciousness amongst the left to support comrades in an organised way, who have started to resist against this new development; there is no practical approach as to collectivising individual revolts. Black Aid is not the organisation of this new tendency. Wide parts of the left wing (womens liberation, traditional reformist movements like squatters, claimants unions, anti-fascists etc.) have to make this learning process and have to come together in more and more actions in the near future, or there will never be a revolutionary left and hope for real change in britain. Black Aid backs this new tendency wherever it comes from.

We would like to see other "Black Aid" groups (or something similar) formed and working in their area and where need be co-ordinating nationally. The whole point is that by getting involved in certain movements i.e. nuclear plants, squatting, political prisoners etc. we should not fall into the trap of reformism but make clear that each of these issues are a part in the political consciousness raising of those involved. That means not to stick to housing for example but to try and develop it further with the people who are involved in it. Mass confrontation, as in Italy, is the ideal first stage to reach, though we are unsure exactly how to get the unemployed, youth, and students together to challenge the state as in Italy. An obvious way is to show that the state can be effectively challenged - ridiculed - maybe by challenging physically the evictions about to come under the Criminal Trespass Law and getting squatters to see that if one does that it does not end with the CTL.

So far our main activities have been:

- 1) Organising a demonstration against the Stammheim murders with these demands:
 - a) Immediate release of Irmgard Moeller, survivor of the Stammheim massacre.
 - b) Concentration of political prisoners in groups of at least 15 people.
 - c) The establishment of an international committee to investigate the circumstances of the deaths.
 - d) The immediate release of Klaus Croissant, recently extradited from France in dubious circumstances.

The demo was attended by about 250 people and after marching to the West German embassy it was forced to disperse. As people left in small groups they were harassed by the police and eventually 8 people were arrested. They will be on trial from March 21st to the 23rd, at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court. The 8 are going to defend themselves..... come to make the trial a carnival.

- 2) We have published an interview the RAF prisoners gave to "Le Monde Diplomatique"

- 3) We have a centre in Covent Garden (13 James St., London WC2) which is at the moment used only by us and for Federation of London Anarchist Groups meetings. We want this to become an anarchist centre run collectively by the groups who use it. If you are interested in what we are doing or in the centre contact us.

EXCHANGES & MOVEMENT

This is not a traditional group. What we have called the "new movement" is not our activity but the result of a melting pot of all kinds of struggles in which people are involved for themselves and by themselves for their own liberation. For those who struggle, action is not militant or exemplary but something needed at special times for day to day living to survive as humans in the society.

We can be involved individually in these struggles, either because we belong to the particular collectivity involved or because we are members of one of the temporary organisations which might be set up for the limited aims of a particular struggle. Outside these struggles our activity is limited to the exchange of information and discussion: both are an essential instrument for ourselves which might help other people too.

We issue a more or less internal bulletin giving short news and references for an international network of contacts (in English and French), which is only sent to subscribers. We also produce pamphlets. The following are in English (most are in French): The New Movement, U.S.A., a changing reality, In Chile tanks, in Europe unions. Address see (23)

BLACK BEAR

BLACK BEAR is a small mixed collective of anarchists and anarcha-feminists publishing literature towards the growth of the anarcha-feminist movement. Pamphlets published so far are; Anarcha-Feminism: Two Statements 12p inc. post, Feminism as Anarchism by Lynne Farrow 20p inc. post, Anarchism: The Feminist Connection by Peggy Kornegger 25p inc. post. We hope to publish in the near future The Tyranny of Structurelessness and The Tyranny of Tyranny together in one pamphlet and an anarcha-feminist bibliography. We also plan a series of biographical studies. The first four will be on Charlotte Wilson (founder of Freedom), Voltairine de Cleyre, Louise Michel and Rosie Witkop.

We would especially like to publish original writings by women on anarcha-feminist ideas and practice and on anarchist feminist herstory. Women interested in writing for example on biographies of anarchist women, women's contributions to anarchism and other relevant areas should please get in touch with us. Suggestions, comments, ideas also welcome, see contact 10

MOVEMENT FOR ANARCHY

experimental group I - London January 1978

At the moment we are realising a new subversive life-practice. We have rejected private belongings and space, and set up FUNCTIONAL ROOMS for sleeping, working, eating, coming together, and a quiet space. Private property is becoming obsolete and we are starting a COMMON WORK providing service work in the local area. Our objective is self-sufficient production.

We have experienced that in our childhood within the fascist nuclear family society we have become too damaged to be able to live in such a SUBVERSIVE EXISTENTIAL GROUP and to enjoy it. Only in couple-relationships have we been able to become a little emotional and sexual. We used the PRIVACY of such relations to live out our regressive needs and to hide the fact that we haven't been able to grow up.

Our self-confidence is based on our capacity to face daily our individual damage through what we call SELF-EXPRESSIVE CONFRONTATION. This is not therapy. We see therapy as a symbolic acting out and a defence against a real change.

SELF-EXPRESSION is based on the technique of deep breathing which cracks our muscular armour. This leads to a very emotionally direct and physically powerful expressions. In the SELF-EXPRESSIVE SITUATION we form a circle and relate directly towards one or more people in the middle. So our relationship-blocks are challenged in an intensive and real way. Very often this is a primal and leads to a birth-experience. There is a SELF-EXPRESSION LEADER who is supportive in such falling situations through active role playing as mummy and daddy

and through body contact. Also in the self-expressive situation we express our fun and our ideas about common work, politics.....etc. We try to stop discussions outside this structure

Some of our ideas are based on the work of Wilhelm Reich. From him we have discovered NATURAL WORK DEMOCRACY. At the moment we are overcoming our specialisations (eg. Self-expression leader) through transferring knowledge and experience. Also work-organisation that evolves will be such that people will practice in each area of work. The only criticism accepted will be from those take responsibility to realise their ideas (immanent criticism). This also applies to criticism outside the movement, and which we will react to.

IN FUTURE: We are looking for other big and little people to join us. If interested, write us a short life-history.

As we grow, we will make self-expressive confrontations in big public meetings.

After March, some of us will move to France to form an experimental group there also

We will be making a regular magazine.

Movement for Anarchy, Box 333, c/o Rising Free, 182 Upper Street, London N.1.

ZERO

ZERO IS A new anarchist/anarcha-feminist monthly paper. It is produced by a mixed collective who aim to help give expression to the current interest in libertarian ideas and practice and to establish a means for developing anarchism as a viable political and social alternative. Basic to this aim is the belief that patriarchy is the most fundamental form of oppression and that authoritarian behaviour is rooted in patriarchy. This perspective necessitates a revision of traditional anarchism.

Anarchism must recognise in feminism a radical extension of its own politic, beyond its critique of capital and state to include patriarchal oppression and must base all further practice on this recognition.

Recent articles in Zero have been on the Mujeres Libres (Free Women - spanish anarchist women's group), rape, reclaiming the night, women in China, gay rights, feminism and the Italian left, and Marie Louise Berneri.

The response so far to Zero has been encouraging but we would really like more contributions and involvement from women in the form of articles, news, letters, criticism and graphics. Open meetings are held after each issue of Zero at which women wishing to become more involved in the paper are welcome. Dates of open meetings advertised in Zero.

Contributions and subs. (U.K. £3.00 for consecutive issues and postage to total of £3.00) see contact 62.

REBEL VOICES ARCHIVE

IN 1971 a small group began the Rebel Voices Archive. At that time our purpose was to ensure that libertarian literature - books, pamphlets and periodicals - were preserved for our future.

In order to guarantee as far as we could that the material survived we originally intended to be secretive and clandestine. But as time went by and the collection grew we changed our ideas and now the archive is fairly accessible.

We are in touch and exchange material with similar archives around the world. Most of the material is donated by groups, publishers and individuals and it is this process-contacting, explaining and so on - that takes up so much of our time and energy. We need all kinds of help.

The scope of the collection is Libertarian and Feminist, containing about 3000 books, 7000 periodicals and countless pamphlets, broadsheets and posters. The major part of the material has been produced during the last decade - since 1968 - but we have no desire to limit the period that the archive covers.

The books and pamphlets are divided into 5 main areas- LIBERTARIAN THEORY:from 'left-wing' communists such as Gramsci, Luxemburg or Pannekoek to 'right-wing' libertarians such as Hess, Rothbard or Stirner.

LABOUR & SOCIAL HISTORY, FEMINIST THEORY & HISTORY, FEMINIST LITERATURE: Novels, poetry, autobiography, journals etc., and a fine collection of UTOPIAN & DYSTOPIAN LITERATURE.

The periodical collection contains over 500 different periodicals and this is continually growing. We collect only english language material.

If you publish any material that falls into any of the categories mentioned above then try and send us a copy-we'll pay postage. We can be contacted thus: REBEL VOICES ARCHIVE: BOX 108: RISING FREE BOOKSTORE: 182 UPPER STREET: LONDON: N1: ENGLAND.

ANARCHIST LIBRARY

THERE HAS been some talk of organising an Anarchist open library here in Babylon. Later this spring the 'Public Library'* will be dissolved and its component collections passed onto various groups.

The Rebel Voices Archive and the Federation of London Anarchist Groups (FLAG) will become responsible for the following sections: ANARCHISM, LIBERTARIANISM/ANARCHISM, SITUATIONISM, COUNCIL COMMUNISM. If enough support and interest can be generated then this material could become the foundation of an Anarchist Library.

As is usually the case the major stumbling blocks are premises and money. It's difficult to see the library finding premises by itself (it would require one large or two small rooms in good, dry condition with good security). However it would be possible to obtain space in concert with some other Anarchist project-such as an Anarchist centre for example.

As for money nothing new to say on the subject, it's the same old story-how and where to get it.

We see the Library as essentially being independent of any group or tendency, as being a resource for and of the entire movement. There are many tasks a library could perform: producing and publishing Indexes to Anarchist periodicals, publishing Bibliographies on special aspects of Anarchism (for example on Anarcha-Feminism or Anarchism in S.E. Asia), producing lists of new publications, locating material for research for articles and books. This kind of work would be of immense value.

It's merely an idea at this moment so if you're attracted to this project then get in touch. We'll call a meeting soon for all interested people. We'll keep you informed of progress-or lack of it.

ANARCHIST LIBRARY PROJECT: C/O BOX 18: RISING FREE BOOKSTORE: 182 UPPER STREET: LONDON: N1: ENGLAND.

*A note on the 'Public Library'. The Public Library is, or was a collection of 100,000 pamphlets and periodicals produced by the international left-wing and alternative movement. It was set up in 1973 as an information resource for activists.

In 1977 it lost its lease and was forced into temporary storage and following an unsuccessful appeal for aid was forced to fold up. After much discussion (internal) the P,L. collective decided to split the collection up, which is what is happening now.

During its brief life it provided much useful aid to the movement including the Campaign Against a Criminal Trespass Law and research for Tony Bunyan's book 'The Political Police in Britain'. It functioned despite great limitations, mainly time and space.

We feel that more could have been done to keep the Library in one piece and functioning. However that's water under the bridge now.

Reviews

NATIONAL LIBERATION AND STATE POWER. Martin Spence.

Taking the MPLA in Angola as one example, it shows some of the limitations of "national liberation struggles" and questions the mythology surrounding "revolutionary" movements in the "third world". 20p. NEWCASTLE ANARCHISTS. (See contact 38).

A MODEST PROPOSAL ON HOW THE BAD OLD DAYS WILL END. Charles Luttwidge.

Reprint of American pamphlet, interesting and enthusiastic outline of the problems facing us, with reference to how we have been smashed in the past. 5p. SOCIAL REVOLUTION. (See contact 49).

CRITIQUE OF SYNDICALIST METHODS. Alfred Bonanno.

A well researched analysis of how revolutionary syndicalism has such limitations that it inhibits the workers struggle to overthrow capitalism in a revolutionary situation. 30p. BRATACH DUBH. (See contact 12).

REVOLUTIONARY THEORY FOR BEGINNERS (Pure & Applied).

3 Texts, situationist critiques of the existing relations between revolutionaries and pseudo-revolutionaries. Spontaneous Combustion 25p. (See contact 53).

MUTINIES: 1917-1920. Dave Lamb.

An account of discontent amongst British troops at the end of World War 1. It uncovers an area of history that has generally been glossed over. 50p. SOLIDARITY. (see contact 50)

MUTINIES: A list of titles in the Rebel Voices Archive.

BARWIS, M: Mutiny at the Nore. 1969. (A child's book).

DIVINE, D: Mutiny at Invergordon. 1970.

DUNCAN, B: Invergordon '31: How men of the R.N. struck and won! 1976. Freedom Press.

EDWARDS, D: The Last Stand of the Levellers: Burford, May 13, 1649. 1948.

GILL, D & DALLAS, G: Mutiny at Etaples: in 'Past & Present', No. 69.

HORN, D: The German Naval Mutinies of W.W. I. 1969.

ICARUS: The Wilhelmshaven Revolt. 1944. Simian pamphlet.

LAMB, D: Mutinies: 1917-1920; Solidarity pamphlet. 1977.

McGUFFIE, T: Stories of Famous Mutinies. 1966. (Not very good).

MOORE, W: The Thin Yellow Line. 1974. (The very best book).

POLLOCK, S: Mutiny for the Cause. 1969.

PORCH, D: The Portuguese Armed Forces and the Revolution. 1977.

PREBBLE, J: Mutiny: Highland Regiments in Revolt, 1743-1804. 1975.

REYNOLDS, G. & JUDGE, A: The Night the Police Went on Strike. 1968.

WINCOTT, L: Invergordon Mutineer. 1974.

Papers etc.

SYNTHESIS

RATHER than mentioning all that is coming out of North America, we suggest you read SYNTHESIS. This has reached five issues. Subscriptions are 40cents (25p) an issue. It covers the whole of North America very well, plus some other contributions. It's worth asking for back numbers. We hope to build a firm link with them, perhaps distributing SYNTHESIS over here.

SYNTHESIS: L.E.D: P.O BOX 1858: SAN PEDRO: CALIFORNIA: 90733: U.S.A.

MINUS 6

PRODUCED in Hong Kong with some information on China from ex-Red Guards plus news of the Asia/Pacific area. Subscriptions are £6.00 per year (free to members of APS).

MINUS 6: 180 LOCKHART ROAD: FIRST FLOOR: WANCHAI: HONG KONG.

LIBERO INTERNATIONAL

THIS IS A libertarian quarterly published in English by the section for international correspondence of CIRA/NIPPON. News and historical articles principally about China, Korea, and Japan. Subscriptions are probably £2.00 for 4 issues. It hasn't appeared for awhile but we've heard there is a new one out.
LIBERO INTERNATIONAL:C/O CIRA/NIPPON:SIC:CENTRAL PO BOX 1065:
KOBE:JAPAN:650/91.

BLACK RAG

WE HAVE Not seen this but have heard that it will be out very soon.(See contact 10).



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PUBLICATIONS

ALTERNATIVE SOCIALISM NEWSLETTER 72-74 Hamilton Road, Longsight, Manchester, 13.	EAST ANGLIAN LIBERTARIAN NEWS- LETTER. see 21.
ANARCHA-FEMINIST NEWSLETTER, c/o Sophie Laws, 43 Grosvenor Terrace, Bootham, York. Subscription to women only.	EAST LONDON LIBERTARIAN, see 22.
ANARCHY, see 5.	ECHANGES, see 23.
BLACK EYE, 30 Belmont Avenue, Clifton, Manchester, M27 2WL.	FREEDOM, see 60.
BLACK FLAG, see 3.	HAPOTOC REBEL, P.O. BOX 10638, Amsterdam, Holland.
BLACK JAKES OCCASIONAL ORGAN, see Newcastle.	HAT & CLOAK, Reading Anarchists, Reading University, Berkshire.
BLACK RAG, see 7.	HUMPTY DUMPTY, 32 Parkholme Road, London E8.
BULLETIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, Town & Country Planning Assoc., 17 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AS.	HYDE PARK SOCIALIST, c/o J. Hughes, 21 Brightling Road, London SE4.
CAMPAIGN AGAINST A MODEL WEST GERMANY, c/o Evangelische Studentengemeinde, Queren Burger Hohe, 287, 4630 Bochum 1, West Germany.	IN THE MAKING, 84 Church Street, Wolverton, Bucks
CATCALL, 37 Wortley Road, London, E6.	INDUSTRIAL REPUBLIC, 4 Hardy Grove, Worsley, Manchester
CHILDCARE BULLETIN, 112b Forest Road, London, E8.	INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST, c/o Elaine Godina, 116 Chadderton Way, Oldham, Lancs.
CIENFUEGOS PRESS REVIEW, see 3.	INTERNATIONAL REVIEW, see World Revolution.
CLAP HANDBOOK, c/o Peace News.	I.T. 97a Talbot Road, London W11.
COMMUNITY ACTION, P.O. BOX 665, London SW1X 8DZ.	INTERROGATIONS, BM BOX 746, London WC1 v6XX.
CRITIQUE, 31 Cleveden Road, Glasgow G12 0PH	LEVELLER, 155a Drummond Street, London, NW1.
CULTURAL STUDIES, C.C.C.S, University of Birmingham P.O. BOX 363, Birmingham B15 2TE.	LIBERTARIAN COMMUNIST, LCG, c/o 136 Kingsland High Street, London, E8.
DIRECT ACTION BROADSHEET, See 32 & 54.	LIBERTARIAN COMMUNIST REVIEW, see Libertarian Communist.
	LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION, 6 Beaconsfield Road, Leicester.
	LIBERTARIAN INDUSTRIAL NETWORK NEWSLETTER, see 31.
	LIBERTARIAN PUBLIC SERVICES BULLETIN, c/o Mike Ballard, Flat 12, 152-4, Spring Bank, Hull.

LIBERTARIAN SPAIN, LSC, 136 Burley Road, Leeds 4.	SOLIDARITY, SOLIDARITY MOTOR BULLETIN, SOLIDARITY FOR SOCIAL REVOLUTION. see Solidarity.
LIBRARIANS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, John Noyce, P.O BOX 450, Brighton, BNI HGR, Sussex.	UNDERCURRENTS, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1.
MEN'S NEWS, 19 Redmans Road, London E1.	VERBOTEN, CARWG, 35 Wellington Street, London WC2.
MIDLANDS ANARCHIST FEDERATION NEWSLETTER, see 36.	VERBALLED, 271 Upper Street, London N1.
MINUS ONE, S.E. Parker, 186 Gloucester Terrace, London W2.	WIRES, 36 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds 2. Subscription to women only.
NEWS FROM NEASDEN, 22 Fleet Road, London NW3.	WOMENS REPORT, 14 Aberdeen Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex.
NEWSLETTER FOR LIBERTARIAN LIBRARY WORKERS, 11 Gibson Gardens, Saffron Walden Essex.	WORLD REVOLUTION, BM BOX 869, London, WC1V 6XX.
NORTH WEST ANARCHIST FEDERATION BULLETIN, see 11.	ZERO, Box 0, Rising Free, 182 Upper Street, London N1.
PEACE NEWS, 8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham.	Spot the deliberate mistakes, answers on a postcard please to: BORROWED TIME, BOX 100, Rising Free.
PEOPLES NEWS SERVICE, 182 Upper Street, London, N1.	
PROP, 32a Park Road, London SW 19.	
RADICAL EDUCATION, 86 Eleanor Road, London E5.	
RADICAL PHILOSOPHY, 40 Langdon Park Road, London N6.	
RAP NEWSLETTER, Radical Alternatives to Prison, 15 Blackfriars Lane, London EC4.	
RELEASE NEWSLETTER, 1a Elgin Avenue, London W9.	
RESURGENCE, Pentre Ifan, Felindre Farlog, Crymych, Dyfed, Wales.	
REVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES, 78 Torrisdale Street, Glasgow S2.	
SCOTTISH LIBERTARIAN BULLETIN, see SLF.	
SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST, c/o 4 Havelock Square, Sheffield, 10.	
SOCIAL REVOLUTION, see SR.	